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SUBJECT: BILLINGTON VISIT

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1. SOVIET EMBASSY HERE BY COB SEPT 24 HAD NOT RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR BILLINGTON'S VISA. SLIGHT POSSIBILITY REMAINS THAT VISA COULD BE ISSUED MORNING OF SEPT 25.
2. SOVIET COUNSELOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS HAS TOLD US THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE VISA BE ISSUED, SO WE ARE NOT ENTIRELY WITHOUT HOPE THAT THE VISA WILL BE ISSUED EARLY NEXT WEEK, IF NOT ON SEPT 25. WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT BILLINGTON TRAVEL TO USSR EVEN IF VISA IS ISSUED SO LATE THAT HIS STAY IN MOSCOW IS SHORT.
3. WE WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED. KISSINGER

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